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From: Kluesner, Dave
Sent: Fri 2/7/2014 6:44:57 PM
Subject: RE: Great Swamp Watershed Association
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Steve,

Description of my presentation, feel free to reduce if necessary:

Revitalizing communities and restoring waterways, such as the lower Passaic River, are top priorities for the EPA. EPA's proposal to clean an eight mile section of the lower Passaic River, from Newark Bay to the Newark/Belleville border, is nearly complete and will soon be released for public review and comment. A final decision on cleanup is tentatively scheduled for late 2014. Nearly 85% of contaminated surface sediment in the 17-mile tidal stretch of the Passaic is located in the lower eight miles. It is imperative that the EPA act now to clean the river of PCBs, dioxins, pesticides, mercury and other chemicals, to protect people's health and the wildlife that live in and along the river. Community input on EPA's cleanup proposal is critical to sound, effective cleanups. EPA's presentation will be an overview of the many challenges of developing a cleanup proposal that addresses urban water degradation and environmental justice concerns, complies with applicable laws and regulations and can withstand the many obstacles to getting that first dredge in the river.

David Kluesner is Team Leader for Community Affairs, EPA Region 2. David oversees community engagement efforts at hazardous waste site cleanups throughout New York, New Jersey, Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands. David has led the Agency's Passaic River community engagement efforts since 2003.

From: Steven Reynolds [sreynolds@greatswamp.org]
Sent: Friday, February 07, 2014 11:25 AM
To: Kluesner, Dave
Cc: srubin@greatswamp.org
Subject: RE: Great Swamp Watershed Association

Hi Dave,

I will be handling promotional activities for your talk on April 8. I look forward to meeting you in person.

If possible, I would like to get your two- or three-sentence presentation description by COB today. This will help me get the word out to more people and draw a larger crowd.

Also, please let me know what your official title is at EPA Region 2. I want to make certain I represent you and your organization properly.

Cheers,

Steve R.

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The Great Swamp Watershed Association (GSWA), located in Harding Township, NJ, is the nonprofit member-supported environmental organization that monitors and protects water quality, and investigates and participates in land use issues in the watershed community, while working to strengthen environmental regulations in New Jersey. GSWA also provides environmental education to community groups, teachers and students to help everyone understand the important role we each play in protecting our drinking water and preserving the natural beauty of our environment.

From: Sally Rubin [mailto:srubin@greatswamp.org]
Sent: Thursday, February 06, 2014 4:09 PM
To: 'Kluesner, Dave'
Cc: sreynolds@greatswamp.org; 'Plevin, Lisa'
Subject: RE: Great Swamp Watershed Association

Hi Dave, make sure you leave enough time for your tour April 8. I got the Great Swamp Wildlife Refuge to confirm a "behind the scenes" tour for us!! Should be a beautiful time of year- if the darn snow ever melts!!

Sally

From: Kluesner, Dave [mailto:kluesner.dave@epa.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, February 04, 2014 4:34 PM
To: srubin@greatswamp.org<mailto:srubin@greatswamp.org>
Cc: sreynolds@greatswamp.org<mailto:sreynolds@greatswamp.org>; Plevin, Lisa
Subject: RE: Great Swamp Watershed Association

A tour would be great. I am hopeful that by April 8 the tour will not be via toboggan. Sally, tomorrow I will provide you with the requested two or three sentences. This is bad, but I am hopeful that on a snowy, icy day I can catch up a bit! Looking forward to meeting you.

From: Plevin, Lisa
Sent: Tuesday, February 04, 2014 4:28 PM
To: srubin@greatswamp.org<mailto:srubin@greatswamp.org>; Kluesner, Dave
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Dave – don't know if you're familiar with this area, but it is the headwaters of the Passaic and a lovely area. If you haven't seen it, perhaps Sally could spare a body to take you on a quick tour?

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From: Sally Rubin [mailto:srubin@greatswamp.org]
Sent: Tuesday, February 04, 2014 3:13 PM
To: Plevin, Lisa; Kluesner, Dave
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Subject: RE: Great Swamp Watershed Association

Lisa, thank you so much!!

Dave, the breakfast is out our office at 568 Tempe Wick Rd., Morristown, NJ 07960. The breakfast starts at 8 and we usually start the speaker around 8:30 or 8:40 for a half hour or so and then leave time for Q & A with the program ending around 9:30. Hope this is OK! Could you send me a 2 or 3 sentence description of what you would talk about so we can use it in promoting our events and also what your title is so we can reference it accurately.

Thanks so much!!

Stay safe in the darn snow again tomorrow!
Sally

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From: Plevin, Lisa [mailto:Plevin.Lisa@epa.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, February 04, 2014 2:15 PM
To: srubin@greatswamp.org<<mailto:srubin@greatswamp.org>>; Kluesner, Dave
Subject: RE: Great Swamp Watershed Association

Hi Sally. Dave Kluesner is available to speak. He is our Community Involvement Coordinator for this site, very knowledgeable about it and a dynamic public speaker. I've put him on this email so you can coordinate directly. Thx.

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From: Sally Rubin [mailto:srubin@greatswamp.org]
Sent: Friday, January 31, 2014 2:26 PM
To: Plevin, Lisa
Subject: RE: Great Swamp Watershed Association

Hi Lisa, I'm just following up about a speaker. We're trying to get our spring programming scheduled and promoted. I would love to have someone from EPA come and speak about the Lower Passaic!!

Thanks and have a great weekend, Sally

From: Plevin, Lisa [mailto:Plevin.Lisa@epa.gov]
Sent: Monday, January 20, 2014 11:44 AM
To: srubin@greatswamp.org<<mailto:srubin@greatswamp.org>>
Subject: Re: Great Swamp Watershed Association

Hi Sally. Thx for update. Will check on speaker. Hope you are well.

From: Sally Rubin <srubin@greatswamp.org<<mailto:srubin@greatswamp.org>>>

Sent: Monday, January 20, 2014 10:25:50 AM
To: Plevin, Lisa
Cc: srubin@greatswamp.org<mailto:srubin@greatswamp.org>
Subject: Great Swamp Watershed Association

Hi Lisa! I hope you are doing well. I just wanted to give you a quick update on things around here. We are in serious discussions with Passaic River Coalition about merging with them (really taking over). I think both boards are in favor of it conceptually, but they have a lot of liability issues that need to be resolved first. Probably nothing money can't fix!

Also, I was wondering if you could provide an EPA speaker for a breakfast program about clean up efforts on the Lower Passaic. It would be great to start involving people in the upper region with the lower region. We're thinking about April 8 from 8-9:30AM here at our office.

Thanks so much!
Sally

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